

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A pipe coupling, ~~including~~ comprising:

a body having an external thread and annular inner surfaces defining a socket within [the] said body of larger outer diameter at an outer end than at an intermediate location of said socket[;], said body including a substantially deformable first stop extending at least partially around [the] said body annular inner surface in [the] said intermediate location of said socket at a position offset from the end of said intermediate location where the end is distal from said outer end, said first stop being adapted to contact an end of said pipe when said pipe is inserted into said socket to a first pipe position and restrict axial movement of said pipe when said pipe abuts said first stop, and a substantially non-deformable second stop extending at least partially around said body annular inner surface in said intermediate location of said socket at a position distal from said first stop, said second stop being adapted to contact said end of said pipe when said pipe is moved axially to a second pipe position and restrict axial movement of said pipe when said pipe abuts said second stop, said first and second stops being substantially vertical with respect to the longitudinal axis of said body;

a nut having an internal thread at an inner end thereof ~~engaging~~ adapted to engage said body external thread, whereby when said nut is rotated said nut moves axially relative to said body from a first nut position to a second nut position, said nut including an inwardly facing abutment surface between ends of said nut, and an outwardly converging internal circular surface between said abutment surface and an outer end of said nut;

an annular sleeve having an abutment surface at [is] its outer end that is co-operable with said nut abutment surface, ~~and a resilient gasket secured to its inner end;~~

a deformable gripping member having an internal surface and an outwardly converging outer surface complementary to said outwardly converging internal nut surface, [the] said gripping member ~~having an~~ internal surface [with] having barbs extending radially inwardly therefrom;

the internal diameters of said socket inner end, sleeve and gripping member all being slightly greater than an external diameter of a pipe ~~to which said coupling is securable~~, such that an end of said pipe is freely insertable through said socket outer end and said gripping member and into said socket intermediate part until it abuts [the] said first stop, [and] wherein tightening of said nut over said external thread at said first nut position causes ~~axial movement of said gasket ring, sealable engagement of said gasket ring and said body,~~ radially inward deformation of said gripping member such that the said barbs ~~clamp~~ engage said pipe; and wherein further tightening of said nut over said external thread to said second nut position, wherein said nut abutment surface abuts said annular sleeve abutment surface, causes axial movement of said pipe ~~over the stop and towards the end of said intermediate location~~ from said first pipe position to said second pipe position, wherein the distance between said first and second pipe positions is greater than the distance between said first and second nut positions, and wherein the distance between said second pipe position and said socket outer end defines an insertable length of said pipe that is insertable in said socket.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) [A] The pipe coupling as in of claim 1, wherein [the] said first stop [is] comprises an annular abutment surface extending circumferentially around [the] said annular inner surface.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) [A] The pipe coupling as in of claim 1, wherein [the] said first stop [is] comprises a plurality of projections positioned circumferentially and symmetrically around [the] said inner annular surface.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) [A] The pipe coupling as in of claim 3, ~~where~~ wherein there are at least three projections disposed 120 degrees angularly to each other.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) [A] The pipe coupling as in of claim 3, [or 4] wherein [the] said projections are wedge shaped projections whose longitudinal direction extends in the longitudinal direction of [the] said coupling, said wedge shaped projections having a front face.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) [A] The pipe coupling ~~as in~~ of claim 5, wherein [the] said front surface of [the] said wedge facing the outer end is disposed at an angle other than a right angle but greater than 45 degrees to the longitudinal axis.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) [A] The pipe coupling ~~as in~~ of claim 6, wherein [the] said front surface has at least two faces whose angle to the longitudinal axis is less than 90 degrees.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) [A] The pipe coupling ~~as in~~ of claim 3, [or 4] wherein [the] said projections are wedge shaped projections whose longitudinal direction extends generally perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of [the] said coupling.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) [A] The pipe coupling ~~as in~~ of claim 8, wherein [the] said wedge shaped projections are of an arcuate shape.

Claim 10. (Canceled)

Claim 11 (New) The pipe coupling of Claim 1, wherein the distance between said first and second pipe positions is at least 4 % of said insertable pipe length.